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Mr. Ernest Erber
Majority Response Rally
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Dear Mr. Erber:

I have received numerous inquiries concerning the intentions of the Republican majority with respect to the solution of our urban problems and the great needs of our state for capital construction.

The Governor, in his message seeking a moral recommitment, recognized that the plight of the state is the result of many years of neglect. I am sure that you do not expect, nor can anyone responsibly suggest, that the ills of twenty years neglect can be solved in one year by this legislature or by one bond issue.

What we must do is make a responsible start.

Accordingly, the Republican majority has laid a "foundation for the future" in its proposed two year balanced budget and \$890 million bond issue. The Republican fiscal program dedicates many millions of dollars to urban problems, including a 75% state take-over of welfare costs with a program designed to put the parent back into the home, \$12 million worth of emergency central city programs, provision for state participation in city school costs as well as other urgently needed urban projects.

Through twenty-seven full days of meetings and hearings, the Appropriations Committee has devised a method of achieving these programs and supporting the capital construction program without the necessity of any broad based tax at this time. Those who suggest larger bond issues should recognize that the state will not be able to spend even the amount now proposed within the next three or four year period. In 1960, a \$60 million bond issue was floated and \$18 million of that issue still remains unused.

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The Republican program is responsible and responsive. You should also consider at least the possibility that the Governor's programs were deliberately pegged at an unreasonably high figure in order to provide political fodder for future campaigns.

I hope you will give this legislature your support as it moves to lay this foundation for progress and re-commits our state's resources to the urgent needs of its people.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Charles J. Irwin", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

CHARLES J. IRWIN

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